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Constance Barnes, a Vancouver park commissioner, speaks to reporters at Simon Fraser University's downtown campus yesterday. She is taking a medical leave after a car crash that resulted in drunk driving charges.

Park commissioner to plead guilty to DUI

Vision's Barnes set to take medical leave after joining AA

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A Vancouver park commissioner plans to plead guilty to three drunk-driving related charges stemming from a May 23 incident when she allegedly fell asleep and crashed into the corner of a house in South Vancouver.

Constance Barnes, daughter of longtime New Democrat MLA Emery Barnes, plans to take a "medical leave" from the park board, but will not resign.

"I don't know how much I had to drink," said Barnes at a press conference yesterday. "I had a couple of ciders and made the mistake of getting behind the wheel.

"Nobody was hurt. A corner of a house was hurt and I will take responsibility for that as well, but thank God nobody else was hurt."

Barnes, who was elected to the parks board in November's civic election, spent May 23 at Iona Beach in Richmond.

In a statement, Barnes said she was on her way home when she fell asleep and crashed her car into a house. She was arrested at 11 p.m.

Vancouver Const. Lindsey Houghton said Barnes will appear in provincial court on June 29.

She has enrolled in Alcoholics Anonymous and said she had never driven drunk before. Barnes added the incident "follows a time of deep personal struggle," but wouldn't elaborate.

She waited more than two weeks to come forward and only told her party, Vision Vancouver, on Tuesday.

She said her father would be proud of her for coming forward.

"The way that I was raised is to be honest. This is extremely difficult for me to come out and be truthful, as opposed to trying to hide it away.

"I think at this point my father would say, 'It's hit the fan. You need to deal with it. You need to move forward.'"

Taking account

- Vision Coun. Tim Stevenson pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while impaired in 2007 for a May 2006 incident where he was pulled over by police after he had three pints at a local pub.

TransLink chair wants workers protected

ASSAULTS Bus drivers and SkyTrain attendants should have the same legal protections as airline workers, TransLink chair Dale Parker said yesterday.

He said it's "unacceptable" that 38 bus drivers were reportedly assaulted in the first quarter of 2009 and four SkyTrain attendants were threatened over the same period.

"We would like to see legislation in place that treats an assault against a transit worker the same as an assault on an airline worker," he said. "And we would like to see the force of the law come down as heavily as necessary to act as a deterrent."

Parker added that considering the size of a bus and the presence of other motorists and pedestrians, the consequences of an assault against a bus driver could be tragic.

The rate of assaults, however, has improved since last year, which Coast Mountain Bus CEO Denis Clements credits to training and new conflict resolution strategies.

"The news is better, but still, one assault is too many," Clements said.

About 40 initiatives are being considered by TransLink to improve safety, ranging from technology to training. METRO VANCOUVER

Deficit

- TransLink's 2009 deficit to be lower than forecast.

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Sam Roberts Band tickets on sale
Tickets go on sale tomorrow for Sam Roberts Band's upcoming concert in Burnaby. The Montreal-based Juno Award-winning band will be performing at Deer Lake Park on Aug. 3. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Visitors meet new beluga calf

Visitors to the Vancouver Aquarium were invited to the underwater beluga whale gallery for the first time yesterday, to watch Aurora and her newborn calf. The female calf, left, was born on Sunday. Yesterday also marked the first birthday of the aquarium's other beluga baby, Tiqa. METRO VANCOUVER

Campbell mixes old and new blood

Premier appoints 4 first-timers to 24-member provincial cabinet in political shakeup

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All four first-time Vancouver MLAs were appointed to the premier's 24-member provincial cabinet yesterday in a shakeup that saw key portfolios health, education and transportation change hands.

"All newly elected MLAs and all those who return to the legislature reflect the temper of our times," Premier Gordon Campbell said at Government House in Victoria yesterday.

"Hopefully each new MLA will offer solutions and new perspectives that will help us meet the challenges ahead."

George Abbott

Shirley Bond

Mike de Jong

Kevin Falcon

Kash Heed

Margaret MacDiarmid

Mary McNeil

Moira Stillwell

NDP cabinet

- New Democrat Leader Carole James is expected to announce her shadow cabinet in a couple of days.

Campbell's appointments mean that every Liberal MLA elected in Vancouver is a member of his cabinet:

- Kash Heed (Vancouver-Fraserview) is public safety minister and solicitor general.
- Margaret MacDiarmid (Vancouver-Fairview) is education minister.
- Moira Stillwell (Vancouver-Langara) is minister of advanced education.
- Mary McNeil (Vancouver-False Creek) is minister of state for the Olympics.

The premier also rotated some of his key ministers.

George Abbott moved from health to aboriginal relations, while Kevin Falcon vacated transportation for health.

Shirley Bond moved from education to transportation and Mike de Jong shifted from aboriginal relations to attorney general, a void created by the defeat of Wally Oppal to Independent Vicki Huntington in Delta South.

Colin Hansen returns as minister of finance, as does Rich Coleman in housing, Barry Penner in environment and Pat Bell in forests.

Vancouver sees steep decline in home prices, says StatsCan

REPORT Vancouver home prices dropped 1.2 per cent in April — the steepest decline in Canada.

In all, prices fell nine per cent in Vancouver during the 12-month period ending in April 2009, according to Statistics Canada.

The federal agency also noted that "most builders are still reducing prices to encourage sales."

The situation in Vancouver was mirrored in other major cities in Western Canada, with prices falling 0.9 per cent in Edmonton and 0.8 per cent in Calgary. METRO VANCOUVER

Cheap fuel could cut losses: CEO

TRANSLINK While TransLink is forecasting a huge operating deficit this year, lower fuel prices could trim that by $7.8 million.

The transit authority now expects to lose $95.3 million in 2009, rather than the $103.1 million originally forecast.

TransLink is drawing on its reserves this year to fund road and expansion projects, a practice that CEO Tom Prendergast said cannot be sustained.

"There's no getting away from the fact that sooner or later we're going to run out of money," Prendergrast said. METRO VANCOUVER

Tenants don't benefit from more rental units: CMHC

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HOUSING The availability of more rental units in Vancouver has not resulted in a break for tenants as rents have increased across the city since last spring, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC).

Robyn Adamache, Vancouver market analyst for the CMHC, said on Wednesday the rental market is closely tied to the economy.

"… Young people (are) choosing to stay at home or perhaps people are similarly choosing to live together with friends," Adamache said.

"Young people are choosing to stay at home."
Robyn Adamache

Between August and May, 5.1 per cent of people aged 15 to 24 lost their jobs, compared to 2.1 per cent for the overall population, according to Statistics Canada.

The vacancy rate for two-bedroom units in Vancouver is now 2.7 per cent, compared to 1.6 per cent a year ago. Three per cent of larger apartments are also available, compared to 1.3 per cent at this time in 2008. The greater competition for tenants has not resulted in lower rents, however, in part because of provincial rent control.

Landlords in British Columbia can increase rent up to 3.7 per cent. While this cap protects tenants, it also keeps rates steady.

Since last spring, the average rent has increased 3.4 per cent for two-bedroom units and 4.2 for larger units.

"We expect that to continue in the range of three to five per cent over the next few years," Adamache said.

News in brief

CRIME Police found a large knife, a pellet gun and break-in tools after stopping a 24-year-old Vancouver man for riding his bike on the sidewalk and not wearing a helmet.

MURDER The husband of Wendy Ladner-Beaudry, whose body was found in April in a park in Vancouver's west side, has been ruled out as a suspect in the unsolved slaying, RCMP said. METRO VANCOUVER

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Irregularity found in genetic code of ovarian cancer tumours
Vancouver scientists from the B.C. Cancer Agency and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute have discovered that there appears to be a single spelling mistake in the genetic code of granulosa cell tumours, a rare and often untreatable form of ovarian cancer. This represents a path to developing treatments. METRO VANCOUVER

Bike Rescue owner under investigation

Officials shut down controversial program after man found to lack business licence

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The man who runs an organization claiming to reunite cyclists with their stolen bikes has been ordered to quit by the City of New Westminster.

The city found that Gord Blackwell doesn't have a business licence to run Bike Rescue, New Westminster police Sgt. Gary Weishaar said yesterday.

"The reason for licensing businesses is to ensure … they follow the laws," Weishaar said. "We're in the process of conducting an investigation."

Vancouver police Const. Lindsey Houghton said Blackwell is on their radar as well.

When contacted twice by Metro Vancouver, Blackwell refused to make any comments.

> **"The reason for licensing businesses is to ensure … they follow the laws."**
> Sgt. Gary Weishaar

Bike Rescue claims to look for "too good to be true" bike deals, buy the bikes and either return them to their owners or resell them.

Despite claiming to wait 30 days and check police records, some cyclists say the business resold their bikes within days.

Ken Masse said Vancouver police found his $2,500 bike — stolen two weeks earlier from his condo — on Bike Rescue.

Anthony Toth said his bike wound up for sale on Bike Rescue two weeks after being stolen downtown.

He said he contacted Blackwell and provided a description of his bike — right down to a sticker he got from Ironman Hawaii in 2005.

"They responded several days (later) with, 'The bike you are talking about was claimed earlier this week by a lady that knew the serial number,'" Toth said.

Matt Avolio told Metro Vancouver on Monday that his stolen bike was picked up by Bike Rescue and resold in less than a week. He managed to get it back by confronting both Blackwell and the seller on Craigslist.

Gay-friendly Pride House set for Games

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

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WHISTLER The location is secured, the date is set and the guests are guaranteed to show. Now all that the Whistler 2010 Pride House needs are sponsors.

For the first time in Olympic history a host city will have a Pride House, an explicitly gay-friendly place for athletes and visitors — be they gay, lesbian, straight or other — to hang out.

Dean Nelson with Alpenglow Productions, which is producing the house, said it will be a great venue to debunk myths about homosexuality in sport.

"(Homophobia) is still really quite prevalent in the sporting world," Nelson said.

"There's only a handful of out athletes because it's still scary for them. They don't want fans … and their teammates to be making a big deal about their sexuality when it has no (impact on their performance)."

Nelson said the house — which will be at Whistler's Pan Pacific Hotel — will be a "hip lounge space" and place of "celebration and moral support," where visitors can watch the Games and access information about gay issues.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GAYWHISTLER.COM

Participants in WinterPRIDE 2009, an annual Whistler celebration of sport, culture and community.

Other sporting events

- The World Out Games are being held in Copenhagen, Denmark, next month and are set to make their way to Whistler in 2011.
- The Gay Games are planned to take place in Cologne, Germany, in 2010

Dan Quon, president of the Team Vancouver athletic society, a non-profit that promotes gay sport and culture events, said Pride House is a "wonderful idea."

"I think Vancouver has a chance to show the world it (has) quite a vibrant gay and lesbian community," Quon said.

School district warns of possible kidnapping

PRECAUTION The Richmond School District yesterday distributed a cautionary letter and a tip sheet to parents after police issued a warning about a possible kidnapping in that city.

The notice, written in English and Chinese, repeated an announcement issued by RCMP on Tuesday stating police had received a threat that an Asian child may be kidnapped in the next few weeks.

> **"Talk about possible dangers … Children should yell, scream and do whatever they can do to get the attention of passersby if approached by a stranger."**
> Statement from district tip sheet

No other information was available.

The letter of tips urged parents to be extra vigilant and advised they walk their children to school, the park or elsewhere.

"Talk about possible dangers (like) parks, unlit and wooded areas, vacant lots, and cars," it said.

"Children should yell, scream and do whatever they can do to get the attention of passersby if approached by a stranger." METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

APPEAL The man sentenced to life in prison for killing Lee Matasi outside a downtown Vancouver nightclub is appealing his second-degree murder conviction. Lawyers for Dennis White, 31, said the shooting was an accident and that White should have been charged with manslaughter only.

CONAIR A 30-year-old man facing 34 weapons-related charges in Waterloo, Ont., was flown home by Vancouver police yesterday. Daniel Kesselring is the ConAir program's 39th transport.

WARNING Police are warning the public about a violent criminal who has escaped from the Ferndale Institution in Mission. Ronald Enman, 60, walked away from the prison on Monday night.

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Russia downplays conflict worries
Russia yesterday played down worries of a possible armed conflict in the Arctic, which includes part of Canada, over control of the region's potentially huge mineral riches. REUTERS

Canada

Chinese 'Buffet' faces fraud rap

The Ontario Securities Commission has filed securities fraud charges against Weizhen Tang, a Toronto businessman who billed himself as "the Chinese Warren Buffet" and was accused of running a Ponzi scheme. Yesterday, the province's stock market watchdog laid a total of 12 charges against Tang and his companies, Oversea Chinese Fund Limited Partnership and Weizhen Tang & Associates. Tang "will be defending the allegations." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Opposition to mull over budget report

BUDGET Prime Minister Stephen Harper will unveil a key budget progress report today, which opposition parties will evaluate to decide whether they will try to topple his minority Conservative government.

The report will update forecasts on a federal budget deficit that is already expected to exceed $50 billion, and detail how much has been spent to stimulate the recession-hit economy.

The release of regular reports on the deficit and on stimulus spending was a key demand from the Liberals.

The Conservatives were reelected in October and there is little appetite in Canada for a summer election. The government has said the deficit would be a good 50 per cent higher than forecast in the January budget, primarily because of close to $10 billion in aid to the auto industry and because of higher employment insurance payments. REUTERS

Options

- The Liberals will have at least two opportunities before Parliament adjourns June 23 to try to force an election, but have not said whether they would do so. They would need the other parties.

Carbon market plan in works

CARBON Canada unveiled plans yesterday to create a national carbon market and said it would put a price on carbon in a bid to help firms and individuals to cut emissions of greenhouses gases.

The announcement is an important step for the minority Conservative government, which opponents regularly accuse of not doing enough to protect the environment.

Environment Minister Jim Prentice did not immediately reveal what that the proposed price of carbon might be. REUTERS

Sri Lanka boots Bob Rae

MP claims he was asked to sign document disavowing comments

Bob Rae says he was asked to sign a document disavowing comments the Sri Lankan government deemed sympathetic to the Tamil Tigers shortly before he was ejected from the war-ravaged country.

The Liberal MP and former Ontario premier arrived in Colombo, the capital, late Tuesday armed with an entry visa and flanked by two officials from the Canadian High Commission.

He was there to meet with aid groups and officials from the United Nations' refugee agency, as well as to assess the physical and emotional wreckage one month after the end of a 25-year civil war with Tamil separatists.

But the Liberal foreign affairs critic was flagged by a border agent upon arrival at the Bandaranaike International Airport.

Fifteen minutes after the customs official took his Canadian passport for further investigation and several telephone calls, Rae learned he was being denied entry to Sri Lanka.

There was no reason given. The clock was ticking down to midnight. Appeals to senior immigration officials were fruitless.

"They gave me a thing that I could sign — that they might reconsider the decision..."
MP Bob Rae

So Rae, a man who spent his 25th wedding anniversary travelling with his wife through Sri Lanka in 2005, went to sleep in the airport, waking a few hours before his forced departure.

"We finally got a message saying that if I admitted that I had made statements that were ill-informed or something like that — and they gave me a thing I could sign — that they might reconsider the decision," Rae, who has travelled 10 times to the country in the past decade, said by telephone from London. No one would tell him what specific statements had so offended the government so he refused to sign the document. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raitt apologizes for 'sexy' comment

POLITICS It began to dawn on Lisa Raitt during the uproar in question period Tuesday over an audiotape of her embracing a medical isotope shortage as a "sexy" political career challenge: A staunch defence of her record wasn't enough.

Hammered by the opposition, and then overnight in the media by cancer sufferers, the natural resources minister moved less than 24 hours later to do what she'd refused the day before.

"As somebody who has been in their personal life deeply affected by cancer, my intent was certainly not to show any disrespect for cancer victims, survivors or their families. However, it's clear that these remarks have been interpreted in that way. So I want to offer a clear apology to anyone who's been offended by what I've said," Raitt said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Minister of Natural Resources Lisa Raitt pauses during a news conference yesterday on Parliament Hill. She expressed regret over a comment calling an isotope shortage a "sexy" challenge.

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An Ottawa gas station is offering a fuel blend of gasoline and cellulosic ethanol, which is supposed to emit less carbon dioxide. METRO CANADA

Isotope production to stop, Harper says

Efforts to replace aging reactor have failed

Canada will eventually stop making medical isotopes, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday amid a prolonged shutdown of an aging Canadian reactor that makes a third of the world's isotope supply.

The isotopes are valuable in medical imaging for diagnosing cancer, heart disease and other medical conditions, but Canada's nuclear reactor is 50 years old and efforts to engineer a replacement have failed.

"Eventually we anticipate Canada will be out of the business of making isotopes," Harper told reporters.

"We can't spend hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars and never produce an isotope."
Stephen Harper

The Chalk River reactor in eastern Ontario, run by government-owned Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., was taken out of service in May because of a leak of heavy water. AECL says it will be down for at least three months.

AECL and health sciences company MDS Inc. had poured large sums of money over 12 years into the Maple project to build replacement reactors but the government backed an AECL conclusion last year that the project should be terminated.

"We can't spend hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars and never produce an isotope," Harper said.

"What we decided to do instead was to invest money in the repair of the reactor to keep it online for a longer period of time while others sources around the world come online," he added. REUTERS

Afghanistan **On patrol in Kandahar**

JORGE SILVA/REUTERS

An Afghan man talks to a Canadian soldier and an interpreter during the soldiers' patrol in Kandahar city yesterday.

Canada has few rights in trade flap: U.S.

DISPUTE Canadian suppliers have few rights in U.S. state and local government procurement, a spokesperson for the U.S. Trade Representative said yesterday, responding to concerns about the "Buy American" provisions of the U.S. economic stimulus package.

The Canadian government and business groups on both sides of the border have complained some U.S. state and municipal governments have excluded Canadian companies as suppliers in water- and sewage-treatment projects funded by stimulus money.

The Obama administration is committed to implementing the provision in accordance with the North American Free Trade Agreement and World Trade Organization rules, said Debbie Mesloh, a USTR spokesperson.

"While the United States covers 40 states in various (trade) agreements, none of those commitments extend to Canada since it has never offered its provinces under the NAFTA or the WTO" government procurement agreement, Mesloh said.

"As a consequence, Canadian suppliers have few rights to sub-central procurement in the United States," she said. REUTERS

News in brief

SURGERY A lawyer's claim that allowing medical investigators to watch three general practitioners perform cosmetic surgeries in their offices could jeopardize the confidentiality of the doctor-patient relationship was challenged yesterday by two judges of the Ontario Court of Appeal. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has concerns the procedures routinely performed by the doctors may not be safe given the physicians have no formal qualifications in surgery, the court heard yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Free anti-virus from Microsoft

Microsoft is getting ready to unveil a long-anticipated free anti-virus service for PCs that will compete with products sold by Symantec Corp. and McAfee Inc. A Microsoft spokesman said yesterday that the world's biggest software maker is testing an early version of the product with its own employees. REUTERS

World

Ape bites off finger of zoo boss

The director of the Berlin Zoo made famous by the polar bear cub Knut has had his finger bitten off by a chimpanzee called Pedro, left. Bernhard Blaszkiewitz, 55, was feeding Pedro walnuts as he showed a visitor round the zoo Monday when the ape grabbed his hand and bit off his right index finger. Doctors sewed Blaszkiewitz's finger back on but said it was not clear if the operation would be successful. REUTERS

One killed in Holocaust museum attack

SHOOTING An elderly gunman linked to an anti-Jewish website killed a security guard at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington yesterday and was wounded when guards returned fire.

The gunman was in critical condition after the incident, authorities said. A federal law enforcement official said investigators had identified James W. von Brunn, 88, as the potential suspect and linked him to a website that expresses anti-government and anti-Jewish sentiments. "I think this is an extremely isolated incident," Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty said. "In these days and times you never know when someone is going to grab a gun and use it in an inappropriate way as was done today." REUTERS

UN agrees to sanctions

World powers yesterday agreed to expand sanctions to punish North Korea for its recent nuclear test and weapons program, as Russia said it expected the North to launch another provocative missile test.

The draft UN sanctions resolution, written by the United States and endorsed by the four other permanent Security Council members, plus Japan and South Korea, was discussed at a closed-door meeting of the 15-nation Security Council. The end result reflected compromises to satisfy Chinese and Russian objections. Beijing and Moscow had opposed language in earlier drafts requiring all countries to inspect North Korea ships carrying suspicious cargo that might violate a partial UN trade and arms embargo. In the latest version, the Security Council calls upon states to inspect suspicious sea, air and land cargoes but does not demand it.

North Korea has angered the region and countries beyond in the past few weeks with missile launches, threats to attack the South and a nuclear test, prompting U.S. and South Korean forces to raise a military alert on the peninsula to one of its highest since the 1950-53 Korean War. REUTERS

Nuclear-free?

- Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said yesterday he was in favour of a world free of nuclear weapons if other countries were willing to pursue the same goal.

Iran Ahmadinejad rally

DAMIR SAGOLJ/REUTERS

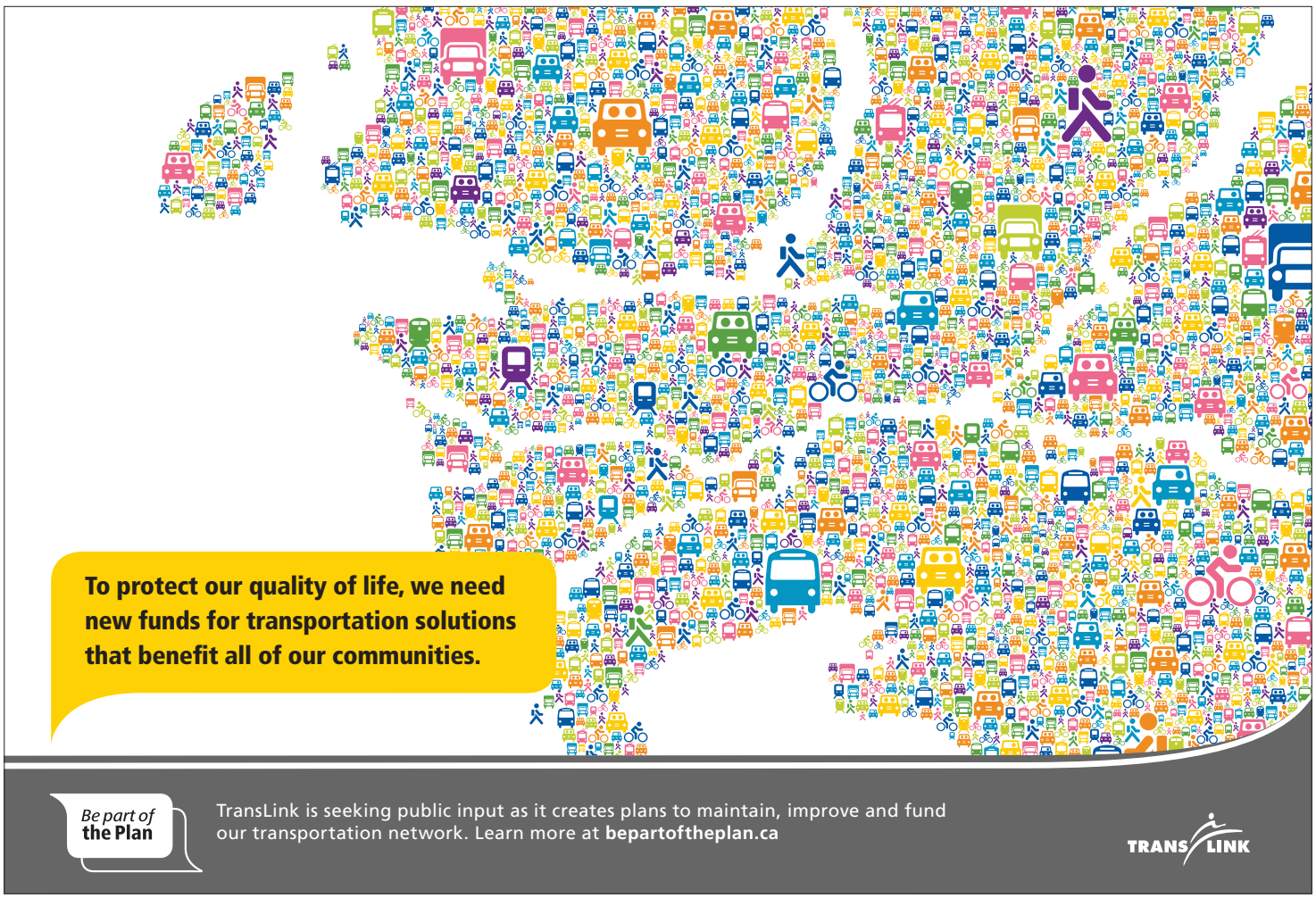
A woman reacts yesterday at a rally for Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, where he accused election rivals of adopting smear tactics used by Adolf Hitler, and saying they could face jail time for insulting him.

Gang behaviour genetic?

STUDY New research suggests boys' genes may play a role in whether they become a gang member — and, if they join a gang, whether they will be among its most violent fighters. The answer may be in his genes. A new study, conducted by Florida State University, found young men who carry a particular variation of the gene Monoamine oxidase A, are almost twice as likely to join gangs and use a weapon in a fight. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

DRUGS Cocaine use in England rose substantially in the five years to 2008, a nationwide study said yesterday. London was described as the epicentre of cocaine use in England, with an estimated 47,000 users. It also found that women's use of the narcotic had shot up and almost matched men's consumption. REUTERS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Gitmo 17 off to an island

The tropical Pacific island nation of Palau has agreed to take in 17 Chinese Muslims held at the U.S. detention centre in Guantanamo Bay.

Palau's government said it would accept the detainees, known as Uighurs, both as a humanitarian gesture and to help President Barack Obama fulfil his promise to close the controversial prison for foreign terrorism suspects on the U.S. naval base in Cuba.

Many in the U.S. Congress oppose transferring them to U.S. soil when the prison is closed.

"I am honoured and proud that the United States has asked Palau to assist with such a critical task," said Palau's president, Johnson Toribiong.

"This is but a small thing that we can do to thank our best friend and ally."

A senior U.S. official said there was still work to do on the deal, but the outlook was good for an arrangement to resettle the Uighurs in Palau.

Another U.S. official said the United States was working out details such as assessing Palau's capacity to monitor the freed detainees and asking them if they wanted to go there. REUTERS

U.S. Senate set to vote on cigs bill

SMOKING A bill giving the U.S. Food and Drug Administration power to regulate cigarettes moved closer to final passage in the Senate Wednesday.

The Senate voted 67-30 to limit debate on legislation that would allow the FDA to oversee the packaging, marketing and manufacturing of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

Democrats who control the Senate say they have enough votes to win final passage. A final vote is expected today, Democratic Senator Christopher Dodd said.

A final version could go to President Barack Obama "hopefully in the next few days" to be signed into law.

REUTERS

Clinic closes after killing

ABORTION Sarah Coe was looking forward to an ultrasound to see her unborn child.

Instead, she learned her fetus had a swelling of the head progressing so fast the baby's head could burst inside her womb.

Coe, who asked that her real name not be used for fear of retaliation by anti-abortion extremists, travelled to Wichita, Kan., two years ago for a late-term abortion, when the fetus was at 24 weeks gestation.

The clinic has closed permanently after the fatal shooting last month of its founder, Dr. George Tiller, 67, a target of anti-abortion activists for years.

Tiller's clinic was one of only three in the United States offering abortions after the 24th week of gestation, when a fetus potentially could survive outside the womb.

Activists especially target such late-term abortions, painting the procedure as gruesome murder.

Abortion rights advocates say women must have a chance to save their health, their own lives,and provide a safe way to end a doomed pregnancy.

Coe argued her baby had no chance. "The best-case scenario is that he would have been a vegetable."

"It would have at least affected my ability to have another baby," said Coe, who now has a healthy seven-month-old daughter. REUTERS

Million-dollar mattress

TREASURE A trashed mattress believed to have $1 million stashed inside has sparked a search through landfills in southern Israel.

A Tel Aviv woman in her 40s, identified only as Anat, reportedly bought her elderly mother a new mattress as a surprise present and took the old one to the curb on Monday.

Her mother realized the bedding switch the following morning and only then revealed to her daughter that she had been stashing her life savings inside the old mattress

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Comment

Life too short for feuds

Relating

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Now that U.S. President Barack Obama is back from his make-nice mission to the Middle East, perhaps Air Force One could drop him off in southern Ontario to tackle another intractable conflict.

One of my headaches with this column is striking the balance between drawing on personal experience and messing with my relationships by writing about them. Scientists cite the "observer effect," whereby the very act of observing a phenomenon affects the phenomenon itself. Also, there's always the risk that those chronicled will kick my ass.

And so it is with some trepidation that I refer to a nasty squabble in my family. My grandparents were, until recently, living with my aunt, my cousin and her husband. Hostilities ensued, as is not unknown in this family. Gory details spared, the upshot is the grandparents are now out of the house, with hard feelings all round.

The dispute has united the family, which is nice, but united them against the aunt, the cousin and the husband, which is less so. I went to the house with assembled rellies last weekend to retrieve Grandma and Grandpa's remaining possessions and, of course, chew over the accumulating grievances.

As with any good familial donnybrook, money plays a central role in this one. Over the course of the weekend, I also heard disagreements and contention about, among other things, humidifiers, tables, wine, grass, hairdressing and dolls.

On the web

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Of course, it's really not about any of this trivia, or even the (not insignificant) money. When family fights, it's about everything. Old grudges have a way of bubbling back up, and some unspeakable things can be spoken.

Perhaps, mercifully then, neither side is currently speaking much to the other, except in increasingly legalistic emails. Instead, the two factions consult mostly amongst themselves, reinforcing and magnifying the transgressions of the others, justifying harsher and harsher sanctions.

There have also been bright spots of reasonableness, the uncle attempting to keep heads cool and stick to the issues, my sister just visiting with her pariah cousin and chatting about everything but the elephant in the family room. I got to take a road trip with my mom, see some family members I hadn't in a couple of years, read to my nephew and get the most heart-swelling hug from the little guy in return.

There are practical matters that need settling, but after that, I worry about how long the bitterness will last. My grandparents are in their 80s. There really isn't time to waste on a prolonged and pointless estrangement.

Life's too short. It was too short yesterday.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Feminism battleground is women's bodies

FourthWave

Canice Leung

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In the wake of the unsettling shooting death of abortion provider George Tiller last week, and the release of The Purity Myth — a new book by feministing.com founder Jessica Valenti — it's clear: Today's feminism battleground is women's bodies.

In it, Valenti warns of the rise of the purity movement, which she says seeks to protect virginity — a term without medical definition, she discovers — amid a "girls gone wild" world of promiscuity. What it unintentionally does, she argues, is polarize women: "(Girls') sexuality as 'good' — worth talking about, protecting and valuing — and women's sexuality, adult sexuality, as bad and wrong."

I was floored to read about the movement's attempts to "protect" young women: Purity balls (in which daughters ceremonially pledge their purity to their fathers) or scaring them into chastity by pushing false facts through U.S. government-funded abstinence education. (Premarital sex lowers your GPA, abortions put you at risk of breast cancer, and contraception doesn't work anyway, didn't you know?)

She dives into some fraught and timely territory, highlighting abortion "informed consent" laws in the U.S. that require doctors to tell women they are "ending a human life" or show ultrasound images of the fetus to the woman. "Its purpose is to shame women into thinking that if they really knew they were getting an abortion ... they wouldn't have one," she writes.

The movement's goal is more insidious than just pushing purity, Valenti argues. Throughout the book, she shows how such practices reinforce notions that women are not responsible enough to manage their sexuality.

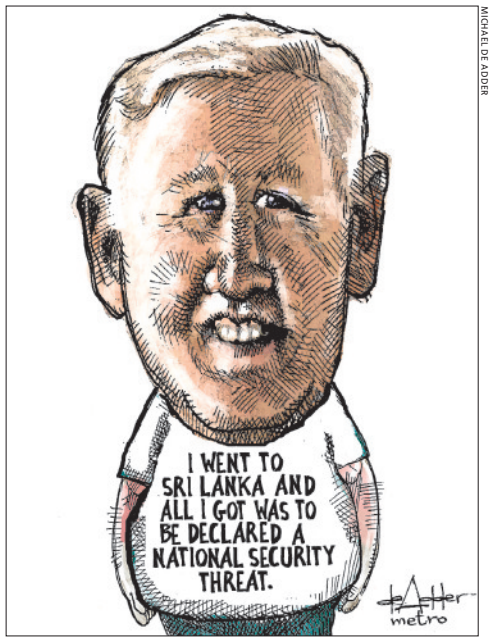
No clearer is that message than with Tiller's death. After all, there are few greater political statements than to take away the means for a woman to control her own body.

The shooting death is, in a word, unfeminist. It's not a matter of political opinion or religious belief. It's not the right of Scott Roeder, who has been charged in Tiller's death, or anyone else, to tell a woman what to do.

Tiller's family announced Tuesday it would shutter his clinic, leaving only two other providers of late-term abortions in the U.S. — a thought not lost on anti-abortion blogger Jill Stanek, who posted names and photos of these two clinics three days after his death.

Reproductive freedom — from intercourse to birth (or termination) — is under attack. Feminist battles have been fought and supposedly won, but somehow the ability for women to assert control over our own bodies diminishes still.

Canice Leung was a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.



MICHAEL DE ADDER

Letters

Game on! More than enough rhymes with hockey

Re: No rhyme nor reason (June 8)

I love Anne Hines' column and look forward to it each Monday.

But wait a minute — not enough rhymes with hockey? Game on!

Here is a poem entitled Hip Hop Hockey:

Hey I love hockey
I love the sticks the kicks the tricks
They try to block me
To box me clock me
But hey y'all I'm a Canuck
A hockey donkey kong rock me
I'm scorin' now

See, yo, him Mr. walkie-talkie hockey jockey
He gawk at me, see
He sock me talk to me
Now but don't you go mock me
Me get de goalie see
I meet he in the net I bet he set to talk now
'Bout the puck goin' down down down
Downtown oh yeah

Bunnies love me play the hockey
They talk me walk me stalk me
They shock me
I try block them with my stick don't do the trick
They say hey rocky dock me knock me
Oh oh
I be goin' to the rink now no need to think they wink wink wink
Oh man they crazy these bunnies

Oh yeah
Walk me walk me walk me walk me
Hey hockey

STEPHEN LAWSON, TORONTO

Quote of the Day

"Frankly, it probably should have happened (Tuesday). She was a little shell-shocked and, what can I say? It's never too late to do the right thing."

— KORY TENEYCKE, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER, TALKING ABOUT YESTERDAY'S APOLOGY BY NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER LISA RAITT. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Chrysler to restart production: CAW
Vehicles could be rolling off the assembly lines at Chrysler Canada plants within three weeks following a two-month shutdown, says the Canadian Auto Workers union. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Business

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Job hunters resorting to unusual measures

Creativity on rise with desperation: Survey

U.S. job seekers are using unusual gimmicks to grab the attention of potential employers, such as in one case sending a shoe along with a resumé to get a "foot in the door," said a survey released yesterday.

Almost a fifth of hiring managers report seeing more unconventional tactics this year, compared with 12 per cent who said so last year, according to the study by CareerBuilder.com, an online jobs site.

Faced with the highest unemployment in 25 years in the United States, candidates are trying a variety of tricks, including handing out resumés at stoplights; washing cars in a company parking lot; staging a sit-in in a company lobby to demand a meeting with a director; and going to the same barber as the company chairman to have the barber speak on his behalf.

"The search for employment is taking longer and is more competitive than it has been in past years," said Jason Ferrara, senior career adviser at CareerBuilder, in a statement. "To compensate, some candidates have turned to extreme tactics."

But to anyone considering such tactics, he cautioned: "While unusual job search antics may attract the attention of hiring managers, they need to be done with care and professionalism so that candidates are remembered for the right reasons."

The online survey was conducted for CareerBuilder by Harris Interactive among 2,543 full-time hiring managers and human resource professionals. REUTERS

Personal touch

- The survey includes reports of job hunters sending a cake designed as a business card with the candidate's picture and handing out personalized coffee cups.

Washington **Pay policies**

JIM YOUNG/REUTERS

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner meets with Mary Schapiro, chairwoman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, to discuss compensation policies in Washington yesterday. The Obama administration will be laying out "relatively soon" the executive pay restrictions for firms receiving federal bailout funds, Geithner said yesterday.

Canada posts $179M April trade deficit

DATA Canada unexpectedly posted a trade deficit in April on slumping exports, showing the economic crisis is still biting despite talk of a recovery.

The deficit for April was $179 million, the third time the balance had slipped into the red since December. Until that month Canada — which relies heavily on exports — had posted surpluses for almost 33 years.

Analysts, who variously called the data "pretty dismal" and "simply bad news," had on average predicted a $1-billion surplus after a $1-billion surplus in March.

Statistics Canada said exports fell 5.1 per cent to $30.79 billion, the lowest figure since the $30.18 billion recorded in June 1999, on smaller shipments of industrial goods, machinery, and equipment and energy products. It also cited a 3.2 per cent reduction in prices.

Canada sends 75 per cent of its exports to the United States. REUTERS

Exports

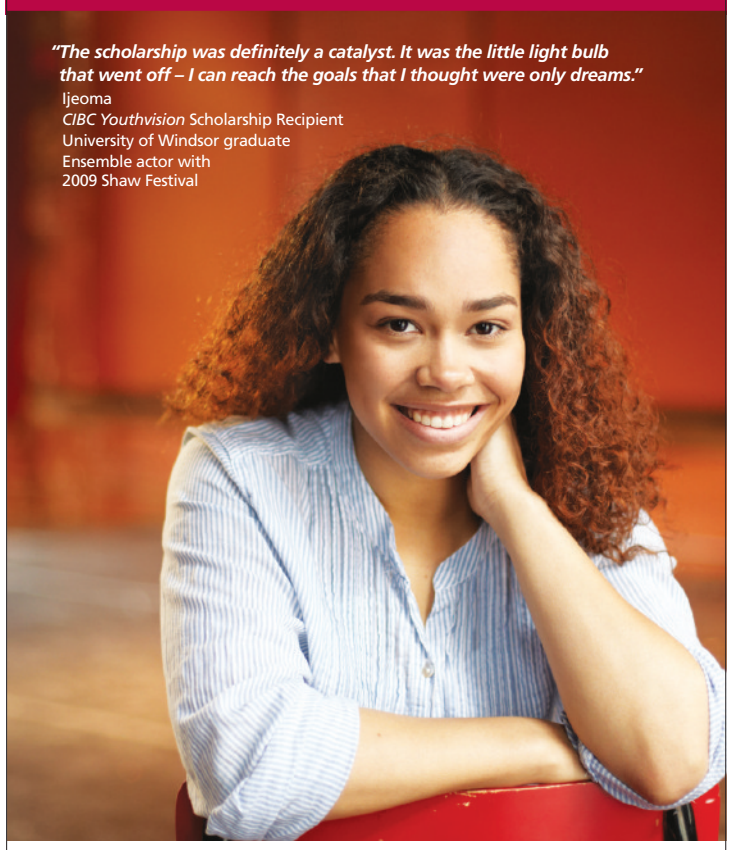
- Exports have declined by 30.6 per cent since July 2008.

Business in brief

HOUSING The prices of new homes in Canada in April fell by 0.6 per cent from March and by three per cent from April 2008, the largest year-on-year decline for more than 17 years, Statistics Canada said yesterday. Prices rose in just three of 21 metropolitan areas and were unchanged in another 10 in April. Victoria and Vancouver saw prices fall by 0.6 and 1.2 per cent respectively.

WIND New rules proposed by the Ontario government would forbid the placement of large wind turbines closer than 550 metres to a residence, a distance that could affect the economic viability of many wind projects in the province. Wind turbines emit noise and some rural residents have complained the machines are disrupting sleep and causing illness. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ten years ago we set out to change lives and build futures.


"The scholarship was definitely a catalyst. It was the little light bulb that went off – I can reach the goals that I thought were only dreams."
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CIBC Youthvision Scholarship Recipient
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Your Money

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The cost of growing your own

One author finds that each tomato in his garden cost him $64

Vegetable gardening may not be as frugal a strategy as you think. Ask William Alexander, who wrote The $64 Tomato (Algonquin Books, 2007, $13.95) after going overboard on his own garden.

Alexander did the math, and calculated that by the time he was done "investing" in soil additives, plants, water, tomato cages, raised beds and more, the cost of each tomato was $64.

But that won't stop most of us. During this recession, more people are gardening than have in many years. So what if they pay for the privilege? You could argue that it is a fun and healthy hobby and "saving" money is only an afterthought. Maybe so, but it's nice to save money in the garden, too.

Here's how:

None of this, by the way is revolutionary: Many of these tips have been around since Eleanor Roosevelt planted a victory garden at the White House in 1943.

Compost. Even a little:

Throwing table scraps (not meat or dairy) into a bin in the corner of your garden will yield rich soil additives, so you won't have to buy them at $4 a bag.

Focus on exotic foods:

Don't waste your time and money growing basic tomatoes and peppers; they are on sale at the grocery and farmers' market right around the same time your crop comes in. Instead, choose unusual varieties that are always expensive: Heirloom tomatoes, Italian peppers, white eggplant.

Grow herbs:

They are probably the most cost-effective item you can put in your garden. Grow basil and coriander from seed; they grow like weeds in many climates. One packet, sprinkled into a planter, will yield enough little plants to keep your whole neighbourhood in salsa and pesto for a year. Seriously. You can also use herbs like rosemary, thyme and sage for landscaping. In many climates they'll come back year after year, and look as pretty as the flowers that you can't eat. If you have a big space to fill and don't mind mint taking over your yard, plant mint. It will take over entire neighbourhoods, something you can think about while you're making your own free tea and juleps.

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Gardening enthusiasts are always dividing plants and not knowing what to do with extras. You can often get bushes for free from landscapers, too.

Ontario's adoption records are now open.

visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario's adoption records are open. This means that adopted adults and birth parents can apply for post-adoption birth information from birth records and adoption orders.

An adopted adult, 18 years of age or older, can now apply for a copy of his or her original birth registration and adoption order. A birth parent can receive information from the birth registration and adoption order of the child that was placed for adoption once that child turns 19 years old.

If you want your identifying information kept private, and if the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto.

To learn more about your right to information and privacy regarding adoption, **visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).**

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The frugal gardener

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Buy smaller plants:
Little trees, shrubs and bushes adjust more easily to their new habitats, and they are way cheaper than big plants. It's not worth paying for the big tomato plants they often have at the home improvement centres. They are costly, and the little plants will catch up quickly once it's warm and sunny in your garden.

Sharecrop with your neighbour:
Don't have space? Have too much space? Split the costs of one garden and let the garden enthusiast plant in the yard of the I-hate-to-garden neighbour. Split the crop fairly.

Get plants for free:
Check Craig's list (craigslist.com), Freecycle (freecycle.org), and your local gardening club for trades and giveaways. Gardening enthusiasts are always dividing plants and not knowing what to do with extras. You can often get good sized bushes for free from landscapers, too: They are always digging out something their customers don't want so they can plant what they do. You can take the old plants off their hands.

Leave pulled weeds and spent vegetable plants in the garden at the end of the summer: Another $4 bag of soil enrichment you don't have to buy.

Be lazy sometimes

Don't fall for the seed-starting kits:
By the time you add in the peat pots, starting soil, sun lamps and more, you'll end up paying extra for each tomato. Wait until late in the planting season and buy plants at a discount through your garden centre, hardware store, or at the local farmers' market, where growers are increasingly adding plants. If you've got the green thumb and want to start from seed, use egg cartons instead of spending money on pots.

Reuse water:
Many communities will give away rain barrels for just a few dollars. You can divert your gutter to run into the rain barrel and then use rainwater to keep your plants hydrated. You won't save very much, but you'll save a little. And feel like a real old-world farmer.

Shrink your lawn:
A smaller lawn means more space for flowers that you can cut and give away as gifts, instead of buying trinkets and bottles of wine. It also means less space that uses up water, fertilizer and mowing time.

Share big tools:
Share the gas-powered tiller and the electric trimmer with your neighbours.

Eat more plant parts:
Greens from turnips, radishes and garlic are all delicious and nutritious. So, as more people are discovering, are dandelion greens.

Freeze as much as possible while it's fresh:
Even if you don't grow them yourself, you can buy berries cheap when berries are in season, corn when corn is in season.

Be lazy:
Leave pulled weeds and spent vegetable plants in the garden at the end of the summer. Turn them into the soil sometime during the fall. Another $4 bag of soil enrichment you don't have to buy.

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Household debt hits an all-time high

FAMILIES A new report by the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada (CGA-Canada) reveals that household debt has reached an all-time high of $1.3 trillion in 2008, yet Canadians perceive their financial condition to be better than it is.

According to the report, Canadian families are financing consumption activity with unearned money as they increasingly reach for credit to finance day-to-day living expenses.

The report, Where Has the Money Gone: The State of Canadian Household Debt in a Stumbling Economy, is based on a consumer survey conducted in November 2008. The survey asked Canadians to reflect on the changes that had occurred in their household finances over the past three years, with a focus on household debt, income, assets, wealth, spending and savings.

"Many Canadians are not aware of how the economic downturn has impacted their financial situation and continue to load up their credit cards and lines of credit, while committing few, or in some cases, no resources to savings," says Anthony Ariganello, President and CEO of CGA-Canada.

In particular, 49 per cent of Canadian families with one or more children under the age of 18 reported that their debt had increased.

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Jets sign draft pick to rich contract

The New York Jets yesterday reached an agreement on a contract with the fifth overall pick in the 2009 NFL Draft, quarterback Mark Sanchez. The team didn't announce terms of the deal, but several reports say it's a five-year contract worth up to $60 million US. That would make Sanchez the highest-paid player in Jets history. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Ronaldo to visit Canada?

It appears Canadian soccer fans will be treated to one more international superstar on Aug. 7 when Toronto FC hosts Real Madrid. Christiano Ronaldo, left, reportedly met with Real Madrid doctors in L.A. yesterday. The international transfer window opens July 1, at which time Ronaldo is expected to join the mega club. For more soccer news, check out It's Called Football at metronews.ca/blogs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Bidding to purchase Canadiens heats up

NHL Quebecor Inc. and the Molson brewing family squared off with competing offers yesterday to buy the Montreal Canadiens.

Neither bidder released financial details of their offers to the team's current majority owner, U.S. entrepreneur George Gillett, but both said they were committed to keeping the 100-year-old team in Quebec.

"The team has been part and parcel of our history for a hundred years. We therefore regard this as a golden opportunity for a Quebec group to return this grand institution to local ownership," Quebecor chief executive Pierre Karl Peladeau said in a statement.

Quebecor Inc. said its offer by subsidiary Quebecor Media had the backing of the media unit's co-owner, Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec.

Geoffrey Molson, a director of Molson Coors Brewing Co., said he and brothers Andrew and Justin had teamed up to make the offer for the team, in which the brewing company already has a 20 per cent stake.

"We think the offer has all the ingredients to be well received by the potential seller and the National Hockey League," said Molson, whose family previously owned the team when it won 11 of its 24 Stanley Cups.

Gillett, who owns 80 per cent of the Montreal team, has been reportedly talking with financial advisors about what to do with his various sporting assets, which include English Premier soccer team Liverpool. REUTERS

Extra fee may push cost of Coyotes over $400M

NHL raises issue of indemnity payments to Leafs and Sabres

The NHL is threatening an indemnity fee on top of a relocation fee — pushing the price tag for the Phoenix Coyotes to perhaps more than $400 million — if bankruptcy court judge Redfield Baum allows the team to move to Hamilton.

"Relocation is separate from indemnity," said NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly. "There may be indemnity fees owing if a franchise were ever located in Hamilton."

It's expected the league could ask for more than $100 million (all figures U.S.) as a relocation fee and perhaps as much again in payment to the Maple Leafs and Buffalo Sabres in indemnity for the Coyotes encroaching on their territory.

For example, the Anaheim Ducks paid $25 million for indemnity to the L.A. Kings in 1993 on top of their $25 million franchise fee.

Balsillie spokesman Bill Walker was nonplussed at the notion of an indemnity fee.

"We're looking forward to the NHL making this issue clearer, as Judge Baum suggested, not just for Jim Balsillie but for any other potential bidders," said Walker.

Balsillie, who has offered $212.5 million for the Coyotes, claimed a victory of sorts when Baum advised NHL lawyers to be prepared to put a price tag on the Hamilton hockey market.

Baum gave the NHL some guidelines in court for what would be a reasonable relocation fee charged to Balsillie. Baum suggested it would be the difference between what a team in Hamilton is worth and what the Phoenix Coyotes are worth. Some have pegged a Hamilton team at $400 million.

The Coyotes' value is closer to $165 million under the terms of Balsillie's $212.5 million bid.

If the total price tag is too high, Balsillie may withdraw from the bidding, letting the NHL have its way with the Coyotes.

But yesterday, Balsillie sounded a lot like someone who was ready to sign a cheque.

"However it works out, the issue of a relocation fee, while a new development, does move us one step closer to bringing the Coyotes to Hamilton," Balsillie said in a missive to subscribers to makeitseven.ca. "I want to reassure you we're still moving toward our goal. We're looking forward to instructions from Judge Baum." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Past payouts

- John McMullen paid $30 million for the Colorado Rockies, including $16.5 million in indemnity fees to the Rangers, Flyers and Islanders when they relocated to New Jersey, Sports Illustrated reported.
- The New York Islanders paid $6 million for the franchise in 1972, and a further $4 million in indemnity to the New York Rangers, the New York Times reported.

BoSox down Yanks Yook goes deep

BRIAN SNYDER/REUTERS

Boston's Kevin Youkilis hits a two-run homer against the New York Yankees last night at Fenway Park in Boston. The Red Sox won 6-5 and took sole possession of first place in the AL East.

Sports in brief

NBA DIVERSITY A new study by the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport found that 43 per cent of the professional positions in the NBA's league offices are held by women, giving the league its highest grade for gender. The NBA received men's pro sports' only "A" for a combined grade for race and gender.

SOCCER England moved to within three points of next year's World Cup finals by crushing Andorra 6-0 yesterday to win its seventh successive Group 6 qualifier. Two goals each from Wayne Rooney and Jermain Defoe helped preserve England's perfect qualifying record. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Students get special pricing on new suites

Suite Talk

Student discounts don't come bigger than this.

A major British Columbia developer is offering a $50,000 to $70,000 break on the final 10 suites available at a development near Simon Fraser University for that school's students.

Alumni, faculty and staff are also being offered the deal to Altaire, a Polygon Homes development. Living there would make a commute to the SFU campus about as easy as taking a few steps.

"When we realized that we were approaching sell-out with only 10 suites left, we knew we should offer them to the people who would appreciate them most," said Neil Chrystal, president and CEO of Polygon. Located high atop Burnaby Mountain, Altaire overlooks the Lower Mainland and is situated within walking distance of the numerous shops, services and restaurants of the UniverCity Highlands village.

Designed by architect Nigel Baldwin, the high-rise concrete and glass-infused building features a collection of two-bedroom residences. Suites have high ceilings, expansive floor-to-ceiling windows and oversized balconies that offer sweeping 360-degree panoramic views of the North Shore Mountains, Mount Baker, the gulf islands and beyond.

The landscaped terrace features a shared fire-pit and provides a location for social gatherings. A fully equipped onsite fitness centre with state-of-the-art equipment is also available for residents.

The development, which is just under 10 kilometres from Vancouver, has direct transit links to the SkyTrain and has easy access to the town centres of Coquitlam, Burnaby and Port Moody. METRO VANCOUVER

Seen here are some shots from Altaire, a Polygon Homes development located near Simon Fraser University.

Discount prices

- Examples of SFU discounted prices include, an 877-square-foot two-bedroom originally priced at $389,900 is now $339,900 and a 1,043-square-foot two-bedroom originally priced at $539,900 is now $469,900.
- The Sales Centre is at 9222 University Crescent in Burnaby. It's open noon to 6 p.m., except Fridays. For more info, call 604-298-1182 or visit altaire@polyhomes.com.

Tips for selling in a construction zone

HouseLeague

Ryan DeLuca

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Construction season is upon us. It is time once again for the roads to be torn up, gas mains to be installed, and paving to begin. The question is, how do you show your downtown condo in its best light when all around you, the noise, smells and detours of the downtown construction zone are keeping buyers at bay? Here are a few tips.

With paving, the smell is going to be the strongest issue you will have to contend with. The scent of tar is not a pleasant one and can really permeate a space if you keep the windows ajar. One trick is to pick up a portable air conditioner for a few hundred dollars and use it to along with some fans too cool the condo. That way you can leave the windows closed. Then, take some cinnamon and vanilla and simmer it on the stove in some water. Cinnamon is a natural deodorizer and will not only help mask the tar fumes, but will also kill any other odours that may be lingering in your home.

Detours are a big problem that can force buyers to bypass your listing all together. Projects such as the Canada Line are now riddled with controversy over the loss of income and inconvenience they caused to surrounding businesses. If your condo happens to be on a street such as Granville or one in which the street is being torn up, make sure you host an open house. While cars may not be able to park up and down your street, this construction almost always leaves a path for pedestrians to navigate. Take advantage of the foot traffic that you only get during a weekend open house to bump up the number of individuals to who view your property.

Finally, noise is probably one of the largest problems you will face. Everyone wants to buy a quiet space even if it is in the downtown core. Construction noise can be heard for miles around and can really turn a buyer off, even if they know it is only temporary. If you are in a newer building, your windows are most likely double paned and have some pretty good noise dampening properties. If you have a single pane window in an older building, set up your showings for off hours in the evenings and on weekends. Try and avoid showing the property during peak construction times.

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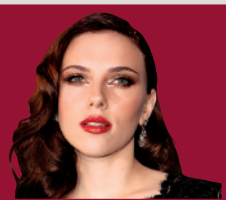

The new face of Mango

American actress Scarlett Johansson is the new face of Spanish fashion brand Mango for its fall/winter 09 campaign. The 24-year-old Lost In Translation star was chosen for her elegant, yet fun-loving and youthful personality. Johansson is taking over from her predecessor, Penélope Cruz, who has been the image of the brand for the last four seasons.

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Fashion goes exploring

African-inspired summer collections

The African aesthetic is hot this summer. The continent's tribal beat is pulsating through fashion, accessories and even makeup trends.

Fashion designers including Junya Watanabe created African-inspired collections by referencing the continent's exotic motifs in boldly printed dresses worn with mile-high wrapped headdresses.

At Louis Vuitton, designer Marc Jacobs presented Josephine Baker-style feathered skirts along with colourful jewelled stilettos and necklaces in a jubilant tribal motif — python, beads and wooden pearls. And at Dior, John Galliano designed stilettos with fertility symbols etched into high heels. Exotic animal prints at Lanvin.

This preoccupation with African themes has been mined before, most glamorously by Yves Saint Laurent in the '60s and '70s. His African collection for summer 1967, for example, included the famous Bambara dresses constructed of raffia and flax with wood- and glass-beaded embroidery.

MAC's Style Warrior collection is now on sale

International Herald Tribune fashion editor Suzy Menkes recently explored our culture's long fascination with what used to be called the Dark Continent — "in art, in Picasso's African period at the birth of Cubism; in entertainment, when Josephine Baker appeared in a Paris revue in 1925 wearing not much more than a skirt made of fake bananas; in fashion, when Cecil Beaton photographed the fragile arms of Nancy Cunard engulfed in ivory bangles in 1929."

Toronto, Ont., jeweller Dandi Maestre recently unveiled her spring/summer line of accessories — a primitive, tribal collection right out of Africa.

"I think of it as more aboriginal than specifically African," she says.

"There is something very raw about these pieces that may not even fit with fashion."

But her creations obviously do. Bracelets constructed with pieces of bone, ancient raw amber, seeds, pony hair, shed moose antlers, shells and reclaimed wood provide a powerful, natural statement.

The trend is also being expressed in seasonal makeup lines from companies like YSL Beauté and MAC. Both brands are capitalizing on the currency of Africa, the intense light and the spicy colour palette associated with the continent.

Called Treasures of Africa, the YSL 2009 summer look draws on "the richness, rhythm and poetry of Africa" — the power of the sun combined with intense colours.

Recently, MAC launched a summer collection of makeup called Style Warrior with a "deliberately diverse colour story" exotically packaged in stylized zebra and leopard prints.

MAC creative director James Gager believes that, as more men and women take responsibility for developing their own style, it makes sense to take inspiration from cultures that "decorated themselves as a form of expression. The cookie-cutter mode of beauty is long past."

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MAC's Style Warrior summer collection includes: Style warrior lipglass, left, (blackened bronze brown), $16.50; and tribalist lipstick (creamy blackened berry), $16.50.

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Japanese fashion designer Junya Watanabe's spring-summer 2009 collection showcased this summer's African aesthetic trend with boldly printed dresses and wrapped headdresses.

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Style in brief

FILM Fashion icon Karl Lagerfeld is to lend his voice to an animated feature film for the first time in the French movie Totally Spies. Lagerfeld, head designer at French fashion brand Chanel, will feature as bad guy Fabu in the animated action film based on the long-running hit TV series about three high school girls who become secret agents, producer Marathon Media said on Wednesday. The movie will open in France in July. As a fashion line, Chanel has been ubiquitous on the big screen recently in the movies Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky and Coco Before Chanel starring Audrey Tautou. REUTERS

NEW COLLECTION Daniel Rodan, Berlin's leather fashion designer to the stars, unveiled a new collection of Berlin Wall art-themed clothing on Tuesday as part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of the fall of the Cold War barrier. The leather dresses and menswear feature art from the East Side Gallery, the 1,300 metre-long (4,265 feet) stretch of the Wall painted by 118 artists from 21 countries in 1990. Its graffiti art quickly came to symbolize the Wall itself. REUTERS

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Summer hit list

DSquared2 share their summer vacation hot spots

By NATHALIE ATKINSON
Contributing Writer

Dan and Dean Caten, the Canadian design duo behind DSquared2, recently launched a line of sunglasses (inspired by hip-hop icons like Run DMC) and created costumes for Britney Spears' blockbuster Circus tour. But not even a jam-packed schedule can keep them from the beach. From London, Dan shares DSquared2's holiday faves.

● Destination "For 10 years, we've been going to Mykonos. It's a for-sure sunshine vacation." ● Cocktail "A Spritz: a bright orange-red drink made with aperol or Campari and Martini Bianco." ● Beach reads "We love to read trashy magazines and catch up on who's leaving who." ● Packing essentials "A great pair of light baggy jeans, cool sandals and a white shirt. And an HermŹs towel!" ● Sunglasses at night? "I always bring my sunglasses to the club — we don't go home until noon, so we need them!"

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Freezing tips

To freeze berries whole, rinse lightly, dry well and hull. Arrange in a single layer and freeze until firm, then pack in plastic bags or containers. To freeze with sugar, sprinkle sugar over sliced strawberries – ¾ cup (175 ml) sugar per 4 cups (1 L) sliced strawberries. Mix well before packing into containers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

Strawberries pack a wallop of healthy nutrients and with only 56 fat-free calories per cup. They provide folate, fibre, magnesium and potassium as well as antioxidants.

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High C

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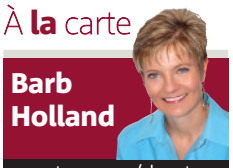
Strawberry fields forever

Don't believe The Beatles — local strawberries won't be around for long

À la carte



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Homegrown strawberries are so worth the long wait. While the season always seems so short — usually a four week window from mid-June into late July (depending on weather of course) — some growers are planting 'day-neutral' strawberries, which ripen from mid-July to mid-October, with heaviest production in August and September. It is a small percentage but it's still tasty news.

Whether you pick your own or buy at a local farm or market, now's the time to enjoy ripe, sweet and juicy hand-picked strawberries.

Whip it up in no time

Whether you pick your own or buy at a local farm or market, now's the time to enjoy ripe and juicy fresh strawberries.

Super-Simple Sorbet

From author and New York Times columnist Mark Bittman's latest book, Food Matters, A Guide to Conscious Eating (Simon & Schuster), here is an easy and healthy recipe from a book that is a worthy read. I've only made this with plain yogurt and it works well. Makes about 3 cups (750 ml).

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) frozen strawberries or other seasonal fruit
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt, crème fraiche, or silken tofu
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) sugar, more or less
- Water as needed

METHOD:

Place strawberries, yogurt and sugar in food processor, and process until puréed and creamy, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. If the fruit doesn't break down completely, gradually add some water through the feed tube a tablespoon or two at a time, being careful not to overprocess the sorbet into liquid.

Serve immediately or freeze. To serve later, allow 10 to 15 minutes for the sorbet to soften at room temperature.

TIPS:

- If your food processor is not a large volume one, try half the recipe (or divide and make two batches).

Food in brief

LOCAL Strawberries don't ripen after they've been picked, so buying local ensures berries are at the peak of freshness. Berries are some of the most perishable fruit and are truly at their finest eaten as soon as picked as possible. Choose fruits that are plump and already brightly coloured. Strawberries should be shiny red and have their calyxes (the green cap that joins the berries to the stems) attached. A vivid green, unwilted calyx is a good indicator of a fresh strawberry.

STORING Strawberries are delicate, but will last a few days in the refrigerator in well-ventilated cartons or in a single layer on a paper towel-lined shallow pan. Refrigerate berries, but don't wash until you are ready to use. Then rinse gently and drain on paper towels. Remove the hulls after rinsing.

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On the web

New blogger:

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Summer blush

With summer just around the corner a wine fan's thoughts turn to refreshing juice and drinking al fresco. I'm partial to a nicely chilled rosé.

Unfortunately I'm in the minority because in North America, a bottle of blush wine is the liquid equivalent of Rodney Dangerfield: It just can't get no respect.

A lot of the blame can be borne by the winemakers of old who put together their rosés with little thought and even less flavour. When white zinfandel became popular in the '70s, its slightly sweet personality was the toast of the town with the cooler crowd though it still couldn't get arrested at a traditional wine tasting.

And then there's **Portugal's Mateus ($8.95 - $10.99)**. For those of you who just rolled your eyes — give it a rest. I bet you haven't tried it since you emptied a bottle to use as a candle holder back in college. Its light spritz and relaxed flavour of orange zest, plum and dry raisin is still quite charming and worth revisiting.

The selection of rosés across the country is extensive with lots of new, interesting wines hitting store shelves this month. Open your mind and mouth and give a few a try.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

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Canadian Living recipe of the month

Seafood Caesar Salad

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pkg (340 g) large raw shrimp
- 2 whole squid, cleaneD
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) each lemon juice and extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each dried Italian herb seasoning and pepper
- 1 head romaine lettuce, torn
- 2 cups (500 ml) croutons

Dressing:

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) each Dijon mustard and anchovy paste
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- Dash Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) light mayonnaise

METHOD:

Toss together shrimp, squid, lemon juice, oil, Italian seasoning and pepper. Place on greased grill over medium heat; close lid and grill, turning once, until shrimp are pink and squid is opaque, about 4 minutes. Slice squid into rings; set aside.

DRESSING: Meanwhile, in large bowl, whisk together cheese, oil, lemon juice, mustard, anchovy paste, garlic, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce; whisk in mayonnaise.

Add lettuce and croutons; toss to coat. Top with shrimp and squid.

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Up until a month ago, Gastropod was one of the best seats in the city for inventive, upscale, West Coast fare. Then the economy happened, and owner/chef Angus An decided to reinvent the wheel slightly, turning Gastropod into a more casual, lively, wallet-friendly space that specialized in classic Thai cuisine — and Maenam was born.

Muslim oxtail soup ($14) hit all the right notes. The clear, aromatic broth contained just the right amount of heat to expand the airways, without burning a hole through the tongue, and the meat was tender enough to cut with the spoon. Classics like pad thai ($14) and chicken and pork satays ($7) — you can also get beef — were tasty, but the amazing housemade sausage — fried, fermented and served with garlic, chiles and stalks of young lettuce — was drool-inducing. Smoked local duck in red curry ($18) was a favourite round the table. Sweet and sour meshed beautifully in the light glaze. Some crispy golden mantle oysters ($8) were impressive, especially when matched with the fresh cucumber sauce, akin to a vinaigrette. We couldn't decide between the chocolate pot de crème ($6) and the banana budino ($7), so had both and couldn't finish either. Next time, I will come with a little more space in the digestive tract.

On the web

- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.

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Oxtail soup, pad thai, housemade sausage and crispy oysters.

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In brief

MIKU Restaurant is now not only the first (and only) restaurant in Vancouver to offer Aburi sushi, they are also the first Japanese restaurant in downtown Vancouver to join the Ocean Wise program. Congrats!

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New baby on the way

There's going to be a baby next door. Kendra Wilkinson and her fiancé, NFL star Hank Baskett, are going to become parents, she has confirmed. The Girls Next Door E! reality star told E! News' Marc Malkin. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

Gossip Girl Gal

Kelly Rutherford has given birth to her second child. The Gossip Girl star welcomed a baby girl on Monday night at a Los Angeles hospital, according to Radaronline.com.

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The beginning of The E.N.D.?

UNIVERSAL MUSIC PHOTO

On new disc The E.N.D., the Black Eyed Peas create dance floor ready beats and saccharine melodies.

Black Eyed **Peas**

Album: The E.N.D.
Label: Interscope/Universal
Rating: ●●½

IF THERE'S ANYTHING we can hope from The E.N.D. it is that the album title's acronym is foreshadowing the band's future. On the group's fifth disc they do what they do best — create dance floor ready beats and saccharine melodies. However, this time they're using heavy electro thumps, copious amounts of vocodor and some of their tunes weave in and out of multiple genres so frequently that they sound like a mash-up. (I Gotta Feeling could be a remix of U2 and the Ting Tings.) Of course this will be huge, but ultimately they've delivered another middling disc.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Spinal **Tap**

Album: Back From the Dead
Label: Sonic Unyon
Rating: ●●●½

THE GREATEST BAND that never was celebrates the 25th anniversary of This Is Spinal Tap! with a wonderfully packaged new CD/DVD that offers six new songs and reworkings of the 11 originals from the 1984 mockumentary. There's even a reggae version of (Listen to) The Flower People. The Tap are played expertly both musically and theatrically by actors Christopher Guest (Nigel Tufnel), Harry Shearer (Derek Smalls) and Michael McKean (David St. Hubbins). With the help of ringers like Keith Emerson and Steve Vai, this record fixes early production mistakes and raises metal mediocrity to new lows with tracks like the always-hinted-at-but-never-heard Jazz Odyssey. Once you've spent an hour or two putting together the cardboard stage and figurines, the joy is figuring out from which classic rock album each riff is lifted. The DVD deserves careful study as Guest, Shearer and McKean deadpan their way through the history of each track.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Sonic **Youth**

Album: The Eternal
Label: Matador
Rating: ●●●●

YOU NEVER KNOW what you're going to get with Sonic Youth. The legendary act has tried everything from weird experimental noise to straight up pop, and with the band's return to an indie label, all bets were off. Surprisingly, the band has released one of the most accessible albums of its career. The Eternal is filled with grungy distorted down strokes and infectious melodies, but it's not a pop album like the last record was. This disc is filled with discord, mystery and frustration, not to mention a newfound energy and all of the good, focused songwriting that's made this foursome famous.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Paolo **Nutini**

Album: Sunny Side Up
Label: Atlantic
Rating: ●●●●

PAOLO NUTINI IS a 22-year-old Scottish singer with an Italian background and a voice of that fits as easily into the Village folk scene of the early '60s as it does in the reggae-ska tradition of Toots Hibbert, the kick-ass soul of Otis Redding and the Mardi Gras boogie of Professor Longhair. What's shocking is how easily all these retro shoes fit Nutini. There are times, especially on the folkie tracks, Tricks of the Trade, Chamber Music and Simple Things, when he sounds like a wizened old veteran of the coffee house circuit, returning to the stage for one final bow. There's a deep-throated resonance that adds a spirituality to these songs that is downright spooky. And the first single, Candy, is as touching and gentle a lovesong as you'll ever come across. Fans of his first album may be put off, at first. Give it some time. Let it soak in.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Kasabian

Album: West Ryder Pauper Lunatic Asylum
Label: RCA/Sony Music
Rating: ●●●

KASABIAN'S GALLAGHER-LIKE in-your-face riff rock has been huge in England, but hasn't resonated the same way over here. Will the band's third disc do it? Maybe, as it's the group's most diverse effort yet. The band members have still got some of their brash, college rock edge, but as they mature, so does their music. With Dan the Automator producing, the band have delved further into psychedelia, but also include acoustic, electronics and even a mid-tempo Doors-meets-Beatles track with Fire. The band can still improve — some of the tunes are sluggish and forgettable – but they're closer to North American glory.

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BidiniBand

Album: The Land is Wild
Label: Pheromone
Rating: ●●●

DAVE BIDINI ISN'T going to have much trouble leaving behind his 30-year association with the Canadian indie institution, The Rheostatics. He's already proved his clever writing abilities with seven well-received books about hockey, Italian baseball and rock 'n' roll. Besides, his first solo release isn't far removed from the witty Canadiana The Rheos were renowned for producing. Especially noteworthy is the title track, The Land is Wild, which follows Bidini's already established tradition of writing great hockey songs (The Ballad of Wendel Clark). This time his theme turns tragic, though as he focuses on the life of Bryan Fogarty, a gifted junior player who burned out in an avalanche of booze and drugs. Yet, it's Bidini's wry humour that dominates this album.

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Departures shows different side of mortality

NED EHRBAR
Metro Word News

When Japan's Departures walked away with the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film this past February, many industry watchers were caught off-guard. But watching Yojiro Takita's quiet, moving film, it's easy to see why Academy voters were so enchanted by it.

"Initially we had no idea how the film would be received," Takita tells Metro. He admits that success in Japan and around the world has been more than encouraging. "We're particularly happy about receiving audience awards at several festivals. We're hoping that many more people will be able to see the film and enjoy it."

In the film, a recently fired cellist packs up his young wife and moves back to his hometown, where the only job he can find is as an "encoffiner," performing an age-old, little-known Japanese ceremony of preparing the recently deceased for burial. In the film and in real life, the career carries a certain amount of stigma, which Takita mined for drama.

Movie **feature**

"A certain degree of prejudice did exist prior to this film being released," Takita says. "But I think with the success and popularity of this film, many people who had previously been afraid to look death in the eye have been starting to have the courage to confront it. And I've heard that due to a lot of the news about this occupation coming up in correlation to the film, many young people are now expressing interest and taking up this occupation."

Even the broader themes of the film proved to be a challenge for the production team.

"In the process of developing the story, the fact that we deal with death weighed heavily on people's minds," Takita says.

But the film manages to mix in a very warm sense of humour, something Takita believes came naturally. "In life, the more serious you approach something, the more absurd and comical it sometimes becomes."

• Departures opens in theatres tomorrow.

Japanese filmmaker Yojiro Takita directed the Oscar-winning Departures.

Van Der Beek, wife split

James Van Der Beek and his wife, actress Heather McComb, have separated, his rep confirms to usmagazine.com exclusively. "They remain good friends," his rep tells Us. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Importance of being Bella

Stewart brings Twilight role back to life in New Moon

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN
Metro World News

It is the role that catapulted her to stardom, and Kristen Stewart is about to reprise her part as Bella in the hotly anticipated sequel to Twilight — New Moon

Q What is it like to be back on set doing another Twilight?

A It's a little bit surreal to be back doing a second one just because it's something that I thought about for an entire year and now it's happening. But it's sort of like I couldn't wait any longer. It's hard. Usually you finish a movie and there's a very long grieving process. You have to lose the character… In this case, I couldn't drop her completely and I worked in between, which is a strange sensation. It's weird how easy it was to slip right back into it … I don't know, but it feels good. It feels like I can finally release the pressure.

Q Isn't that pressure kind of self-inflicted?

A Yeah, I have that feeling on every movie that I do. It's just that this one I had to wait a year to do the next one. Unless there's something about the story or that character that I'm playing literally needs to be fulfilled, like consummated, unless it's actually lived through and physically manifested, it's just a story and it's not done. So until you actually bring it to life, you basically have the capability of murdering the character on the page. If you don't do it justice, then nobody else is ever going to see those things and you're never going to learn from those experiences because you didn't do it right. So yeah, the thought of having to live through something that I find so worthwhile and then subsequently have people learn from that through your own experience, I would do anything — I would jump off a cliff for it. Oh! There's cliff-jumping in our movie. Perfect! (Laughs)

Twilight heroine Bella "loses the man she's in love with" in New Moon, Kristen Stewart says.

Q What are the changes in this second instalment? Your character Bella takes risks again…

A Well, she loses what basically gives her the drive to do anything in her whole life. She loses the man she's in love with, but she also loses her entire life plan and she's so young to have to be forced into a decision like that and then have it stripped from you. It's just a glorified, elaborate version of the worst breakup you've ever been to… Oddly, we have a character that's warm enough and bright enough to bring her out of that. And it's truly gut-ripping. Because as perfect as Jacob is for her, she holds on to an ideal, the ultimate, fiery love that she has for Edward even though it's not comfortable, it's not practical and it's not a good idea.

More New Moon

- Read more of Kristen Stewart's interview with Metro online at metronews.ca.
- Tomorrow we conclude our series with an interview with Robert Pattinson.

Nurse Jackie gets second season

TELEVISION Days after its premiere, the Edie Falco-starring drama Nurse Jackie has been picked up for a second season. Monday night the critically acclaimed show became the most-watched series premiere in Showtime's history. Jackie was seen by one million viewers, then got another 350,000 during its same-night repeat.

HBO lures three more to Boardwalk

TELEVISION The Wire alum Michael Kenneth Williams, Dabney Coleman and Paz de la Huerta have joined the cast of HBO's Martin Scorsese-directed drama pilot Boardwalk Empire. Written by Terence Winter, Empire chronicles the early 20th century origins of Atlantic City. REUTERS

Kenya's Style
Kenya Hunt
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critics' corner

30 Rock

Is that her biological clock, or is she just glad to see him? Liz (Tina Fey) develops a serious attraction for a new guy (Peter Dinklage), but Jenna (Jane Krakowski) thinks it's less about this guy being Mr. Right and more about Liz's desire to have a child. Jack (Alec Baldwin) helps Tracy and his wife (Tracy Morgan, Sherri Shepherd) with a "post-nup." Salma Hayek also guest stars in "Senor Macho Solo." 9:30 PM on CITY

Crime 360

After a 58-year-old man is found dead in an open field on Mother's Day morning, Detectives Nate Sowa and Ray Diaz discover the victim's cell phone is missing and later, that the phone had been used after the victim's death, possibly pointing a way to finding the killer. The girl who received the calls, however, denies having any information that could help the case in the new episode "Mother's Day Murder." 7 PM on A&E

Best mother-in-law ever

When publicist Samantha Bryant became engaged to actor Colin Hanks, her future mother-in-law Rita Wilson "gave Samantha a $10,000 handbag to congratulate them," a source told Page Six. No word on what, if anything, Tom Hanks got the happy couple. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Jacko's Rainbow Choir

ECCENTRIC Bizarre demands may be tripping up preparations for Michael Jackson's comeback concerts in London.

The singer reportedly wants a children's choir to back him up, but he has very specific requirements for the kids, according to the Daily Mirror.

Every young singer must be able to do sign language as well as sing, according to a source, who added that Jackson has requested the choir be made up of "exactly equal" numbers of black, white, mixed-race and Asian children.

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Brit finds love with agent?

ROMANCE RUMOURS Britney Spears is dating her agent, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

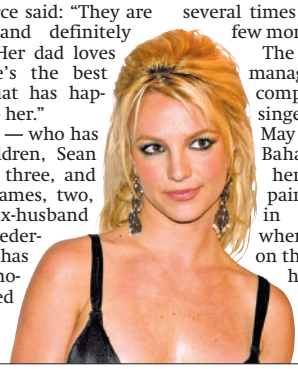
The singer — who has been romantically linked to everyone from paparazzo Adnan Ghalib to her backup dancers — has reportedly found love with Jason Trawick.

The 27-year-old star's strict father, Jamie Spears — who took legal control of Spears' personal and financial affairs last year — is said to approve of her new man.

A source said: "They are totally and definitely dating. Her dad loves him. He's the best thing that has happened to her."

Spears — who has two children, Sean Preston, three, and Jayden James, two, with ex-husband Kevin Federline — has been photographed with Trawick several times in the past few months.

The 37-year-old manager even accompanied the singer on her May trip to the Bahamas with her boys. The pair is currently in London, where Spears is on the U.K. leg of her The Circus Starring Britney Spears tour.



Friends claim the star fell for Trawick — who is a childhood friend of her brother Bryan — when they first met a few years ago.

The source added to People magazine: "They're very sweet together. Britney has always had a crush on Jason. He makes her really happy, and he's great with the boys."

Spears' representative has yet to confirm the relationship.

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Art fan Brad splurges on $1M painting

PATRON OF THE ARTS A belated 34th birthday gift for Angelina Jolie? On Tuesday, her partner Brad Pitt dropped major bucks at Art Basel, an international art show for modern and contemporary works in Basel, Switzerland, usmagazine.com reports.

The actor spent $956,000 US on a Neo Rauch oil painting, entitled Etappe, according to Bloomberg. The nine-foot-wide painting, done in 1998, shows a swirling view of a driver behind a red racecar, with workers nearby carrying hoses.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Pitt eyed the painting for several minutes while rubbing his goatee and fidgeting with his tweed hat. He initially walked away. "He's on the fence. Nothing wrong with that, I guess," New York dealer David Zwirner said. But within minutes, Pitt returned with Los Angeles collectors Eli and Edythe Broad and made the big purchase.

It wasn't the first time Pitt splurged on art. Last year, he bought a white marble table by a Dutch designer and an aluminum rug by a Colombian designer at the same show, usmagazine.com adds.

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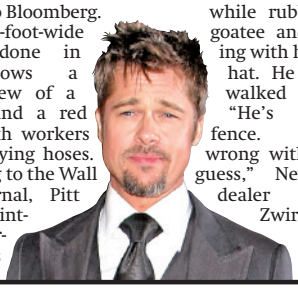

I was a sex abuse victim: Latifah

CONFESSION In the July issue of Essence, Queen Latifah talks about surviving sexual abuse as a child, popeater.com reports.

"He violated me," the Oscar-nominated actress said of a teenage male babysitter. "I never told anybody; I just buried it as deeply as I could and kept people at an arm's distance ... I never really let a person get too close to me," she told the magazine. "I could have been married years ago, but I had a commitment issue."

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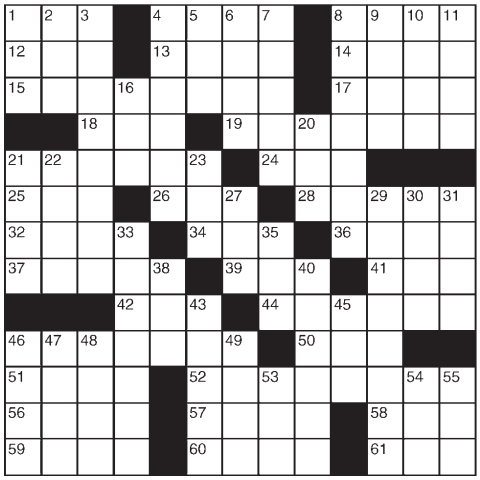

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Suitable
4 Agenda entry
8 Inquisitive
12 Scratch
13 Evoking an "eeww!"
14 Killer whale
15 Offstage aide
16 "Hud" Oscar winner
17 "Hud" Oscar winner
18 Swab the deck
19 Charmingly innocent
21 Be unsteady
24 Nosh
25 Fuss
26 Early bird?
28 Ball-rolling game
32 Typeface choice
34 Chic no more
36 Entreat
37 Halloween option
39 Possibly will
41 Galena, e.g.
42 Shell-game need
44 Stuck
46 Tea with fabled powers
50 Take blades to blades
51 Mine entrance
52 Openings for aglets
56 Region
57 Unrivaled
58 Author Buscaglia
59 Winged
60 Basin accessory
61 Put down

Crossword down

1 Music booster
2 Standard
3 Brass member
4 Drink
5 Performance
6 Distort
7 Short liturgical prayer
8 Direct, as a flight
9 Hydrox rival
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Crispy Tuna Steak in Citrus Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

2 large oranges
1-1/2 cups (375 ml) orange juice
2 tbsp (25 ml) dry white wine (optional)
2 tbsp (25 ml) cornstarch
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh cilantro
2 tbsp (25 ml) cornmeal
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1/4 tsp (1 ml) black pepper
4 tuna steaks (1/2 in./1 cm thick)
4 tsp (20 ml) olive oil

METHOD:

1. Peel oranges.
2. Section oranges. Whisk orange juice, wine (if using) and cornstarch in small saucepan until smooth. Bring to boil over medium-high heat and cook, stirring, until sauce boils and thickens, 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in orange sections. Keep warm.
3. Mix cilantro, cornmeal, salt and black pepper in pie plate. Coat both sides of tuna steaks with cornmeal mixture, pressing firmly so mixture adheres.
4. Heat 2 tsp (10 ml) oil in large cast-iron frying pan over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Sear tuna until done to taste, 2 to 3 minutes on each side for medium-rare. Add remaining oil just before turning fish. Serve with sauce.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You will have plenty to say for yourself today. If partners and loved ones and colleagues are smart they will listen to your advice. If not, they'll lose out.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
For too long you have drifted along not worrying too much about where the next dollar is coming from but now you need to start making serious plans.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you know what you want there is nothing that can stop you from getting it, except maybe your own self-doubt.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
However bad things might seem at the moment they should get better before the end of the month according to the cosmic setup.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Even if something goes wrong today it won't stop you from carrying on as before. Others may give up when the going gets tough, but not you.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
For some strange reason others seem to believe you are incapable of finishing what you started and you must go out of your way to prove them wrong.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You can't take a break just yet, but you can take your mind off your worries: Lose yourself in a new book, the latest film or your favorite music today.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
The stars warn you have been living beyond your means for a while and you have got to do something about it over the next few days.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
The sun in your opposite sign means you are unlikely to get far today unless you are willing to work with other people as part of a team.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Cosmic activity indicates you have to deliver on what you have promised, even if it means burning the candle at both ends for a few days.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Forget about what is going on in the world and focus on the one issue, and the one person, that mean more to you than anything, or anyone, else.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you make too loud a noise today about what you see as an injustice someone will make life difficult for you over the weekend and early next week.

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